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SUBJECT: FOUR QUESTIONS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. NOTHWITHSTANDING THE PROVISO THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER INTENDS TO GIVE NO INTERVIEWS DURING HIS STAY IN ROME, RAI-TV HAS ASKED IF HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS, REQUIRING ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY'S TIME. THE RESULTING INTERVIEW WOULD BE BROADCAST NATIONWIDE IN PRIME EVENING NEWS SLOT AT 2000, ESTIMATED AUDIENCE 12 MILLION.
QUESTIONS:
1) THERE ARE NOW TWO OVERRIDING PROBLEMS AT THE CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS TODAY, THAT OF FOOD AND THAT OF ENERGY. YOU YOURSELF HAVE REMARKED THAT MANY NATIONS NOW LIVE UNDER THE THREAT OF FAMINE, AND THAT ENERGY SOURCES MAY BE INSUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. DO YOU THINK THAT THE AGGRAVATION OF THESE TWO PROBLEMS WILL ACCENTUATE THE DIVISIONS OF THE WORLD, OR WILL IMPEL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION?
2) IN YOUR SPEECHES, YOU HAVE EMPHASIZED THE CONCEPT OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE NECESSITY OF STATES WORKING OUT JOINT SOLUTIONS TO MUTUAL PROBLEMS. IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBSTACLES WHICH HINDER GREATER INTER-
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NOT ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERDEPENDCE?
3) IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, YOU EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF WESTERN EUROPE. WILL YOU ELABORATE ON THIS CONCEPT?
4) YOU HAVE A VANTAGE POINT TO LOOK AT EVENTS NOT ONLY AS AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, BUT ALSO AS AN HISTORIAN. IN VIEW OF THE ACTUAL STATE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IN WHAT WAY, IF ANY, DOES THE JUDGMENT OF HENRY KISSINGER THE HISTORIAN DIFFER FROM THAT OF HENRY KISSINGER THE STATESMAN?

2. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE IMPACT PROPOSED BROADCAST WOULD HAVE AND SHORT TIME REQUIRED FOR INTERVIEW, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE COULD FIT THIS IN ON DEPARTURE, AS WAS DONE DURING SECRETARY'S JULY 5 VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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